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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller  
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Deputy Director for Support  
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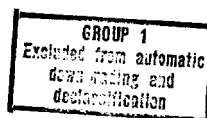
SUBJECT : Updating of Text and Explanation of CIA  
Statutes and Executive Orders

1. The Office of General Counsel is expanding and updating the publication Text and Explanation of Statutes and Executive Orders Relating Specifically to the Central Intelligence Agency. This booklet has been issued a number of times in the past by OGC and later by the Office of Legislative Counsel, first in 1958 and most recently in 1966. We believe it has been found to be a useful management and reference tool. The expanded revision now in process should prove to be a more valuable publication.

2. The updated version, which we expect to be available for distribution within a few weeks, differs from the previous publication in several particulars:

a. The section on the National Security Act which prescribes the membership of the National

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Security Council will be included, together with foot-noted explanations of the changes in membership through the years. This section of the National Security Act was not included in the publication heretofore.

b. A summation of all court cases under the three basic CIA statutes will be included, but was not included in the earlier version.

c. For the first time, a digest of all Comptroller General decisions specifically directed to CIA is included.

d. In the case of several statutes which exempt CIA from their application, some explanation of the significance of being exempted is included. The current version merely indicates in bare-bone language that CIA is exempt from a statute. See, for example, pages 85 and 87 of the current volume.

e. Some background as to the establishment of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and the National Security Medal is included.

f. Excerpts from the Freedom of Information Act, together with the CIA notice published in the Federal Register in implementation, are included.

3. Because of the expanded scope of the publication, it will also have a new name — Guide to Central Intelligence Agency Statutes and Law.

4. Please advise as to the number of copies wanted by your components and the addresses of recipients. It is planned to keep the new manual current. As new statutes, court decisions, Comptroller General decisions and other relative issuances appear, new

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loose-leaf material, together with filing instructions, is to be issued. Your response to this memorandum, therefore, also will be the basis for the distribution of new material from time to time.

5. To assist you in your response, we include some information from our files, which is not complete or up to date, indicating requests for copies of the 1966 issuance.

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